

*Born Latvia 1914 - family background  
sent to Siberia's island. Subj. not identified  
V. of Riga in 1958.*

LAUNAGS, Alfred Vanags @

CANCIS

*and member for political affairs* Member inner ring  
Present leader Latvian Contact Group in Sweden. Joined underground immed.  
after first Soviet Occupation in 1940. Activities included distribution  
of anti-Bolshevik literature and assistance to the underground fighters  
in obtaining weapons. He is also said to have been instrumental in organising  
underground cells on a nationwide scale and "on orders of the leadership of  
the Resistance Movement (LCC?) reportedly joined Commie organisations. Organised  
armed partisan group near Riga which captured Sov. ammunition train and defeated  
Red detachment. Arrested by local Germans while fighting Russians, but released.  
without arms. Began compilation of anti-Nazi documents by Lat underground with  
copy of Himmler's project for colonisation and Germanisation of Latvia/

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Arrested by Gestapo in 1943, three months interrogation and torture, prison term  
at VALMIERA. Liberated Dec. 43. Drew up plans with other Lats in Aug. 44 for  
creation anti-Bolshevik General Staff - basis of operative staff of Lat Natl  
Guerilla Org of which Vanags became asst to the political chief. Operated in  
Kurzele after capitulation to Soviets in May 45. Wrote first illegal  
undergrnd leaflet. Aug 45 transferred with group to Sweden for purposes of  
seeking contact with intelligence services of western democracies. Wrote reports  
to ZARINS, Lat minister in London. *Admitted in U. S.*

*was part of Latvian Resistance*

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